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Redby man pleads guilty to assault

A 31-year-old Redby man pled guilty today in federal court to assaulting another man without cause on September 2, 2009. Appearing before United States District Court Chief Judge Michael J. Davis in Minneapolis, Roy Randolph White, Sr., pled guilty to one count of aggravated assault. No plea agreement was filed. White was indicted on December 9, 2009.

The indictment alleges White assaulted the victim with a dangerous weapon by repeatedly kicking him. According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, Red Lake tribal police were called to a residence on the Red Lake Indian Reservation on September 2, 2009. When they arrived, they found the 35-year-old victim lying on a cement porch in a pool of blood. Witnesses reported that White had kicked the victim numerous times in addition to repeatedly punching him.

As a result of the assault, the victim suffered a broken jaw and multiple facial fractures. He underwent surgery at the Hennepin County Medical Center. Two plates were inserted in his head to repair his face, and he had to be intubated for assistance in breathing.

After the assault, White fled but was located and apprehended by authorities while he attempted to hide in the back of his vehicle. Witnesses told police White was upset with the victim because the victim supposedly had dated one of White's former girlfriends.

White faces a potential maximum penalty of 10 years in prison for his crime. Judge Davis will determine his sentence at a future date. This case is the result of an investigation by the Red Lake Tribal Police Department and the FBI. The federal government has primary law enforcement jurisdiction over the Red Lake Indian Reservation.